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Date: May 21, 2001
To: ROCP Directors and Superintendents
High School Principals
Subject: Professional Development Grant Application 2000-2001

The California Department of Education has allocated \$200,000 of funding from the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act of 1998 to High Schools and Regional Occupational Centers Programs (ROCPs) for involvement in the Automotive Youth Educational System (AYES) and professional development for teachers of high tech courses which lead to student certification.

This funding is to support education's investment in the high tech industry. This funding should supplement the professional development for teachers of high tech courses or support programs that have a commitment to participate and are currently working on their certifications to be able to offer these courses. The funds, while meant to be flexible, should be used for staff development in existing high tech programs or to work toward gaining certification to offer these courses.

Enclosed is a copy of the 2000-2001 Professional Development Grant Application for ROCPs. This application is being sent to all ROCPs in the state. The application packet includes the application, information and guidelines for completing the application and funding information.

Also attached is additional information regarding the grant allocation. Attachment 1 contains some examples of ways in which your local partnership may utilize these funds. We are very interested in the results of your efforts, so please note the reporting requirements outlined in Attachment 2. Attachment 3 contains a list of frequently asked questions. The application pages may be found at the back of the package. **Applications must be received by June 10, 2001. Please apply as soon as possible as we will fund upon receipt of application.** Please mail the original and one copy of the 2000-2001 Professional Development Grant Application to:

California Department of Education
Office of Regional Occupational Centers and Programs
660 J Street, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95814
Attention: Julie Wible

A copy of this package has been posted on the CDE website: www.cde.ca.gov/funding. For any questions or concerns please call Clay Mitchell at 916-445-5568 or Julie Wible at 916-323-5742. You may also direct your questions via e-mail to Clay cmitchel@cde.ca.gov or Julie jwible@cde.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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